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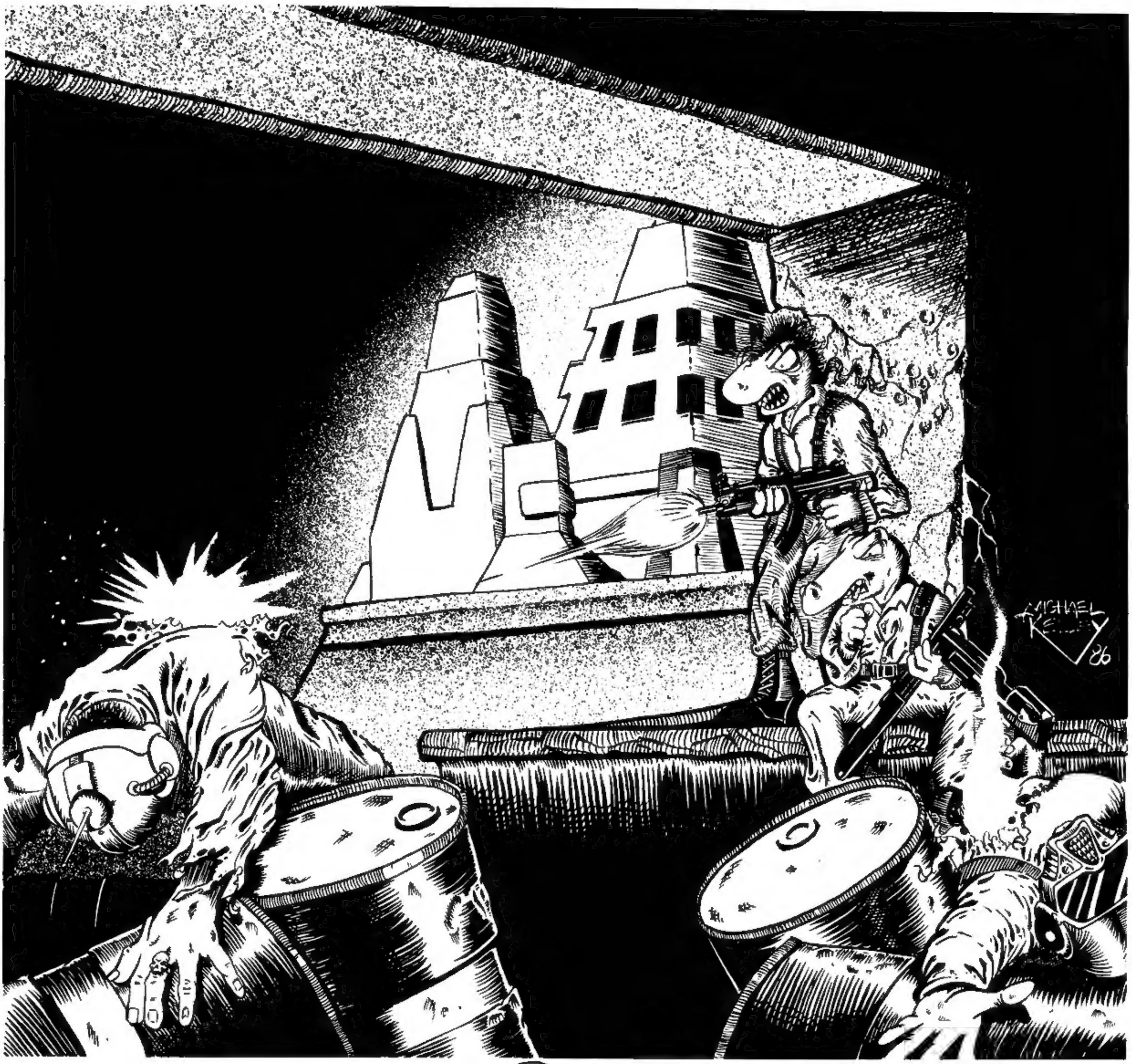

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COLD-BLOODED CHAMELEON COMMANDOS

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WHEW! WHAT AN ORDEAL! I'LL BE GLAD TO GET MY FEET BACK ON U.S. SOIL!

THESE MOSQUITOS ARE REALLY STARTING TO BUG ME!

BZZ, BZZ

I DON'T KNOW... I KIND OF LIKE 'EM. THEY TASTE FAR BETTER THAN C-RATIONS!

ALLRIGHT! THERE'S THE CHOPPER, DEAD AHEAD!

WUPPA WUPPA WOPPA

LET'S GET THOSE AMBASSADORS ABOARD.

HUP! HUP!! HUP!!!

YOU'RE RIGHT ON TIME. SO FAR YOUR RECORD'S 100%

YEAH! BUT IT'S JUST OUR FIRST MISSION

IS EVERYBODY ON BOARD?

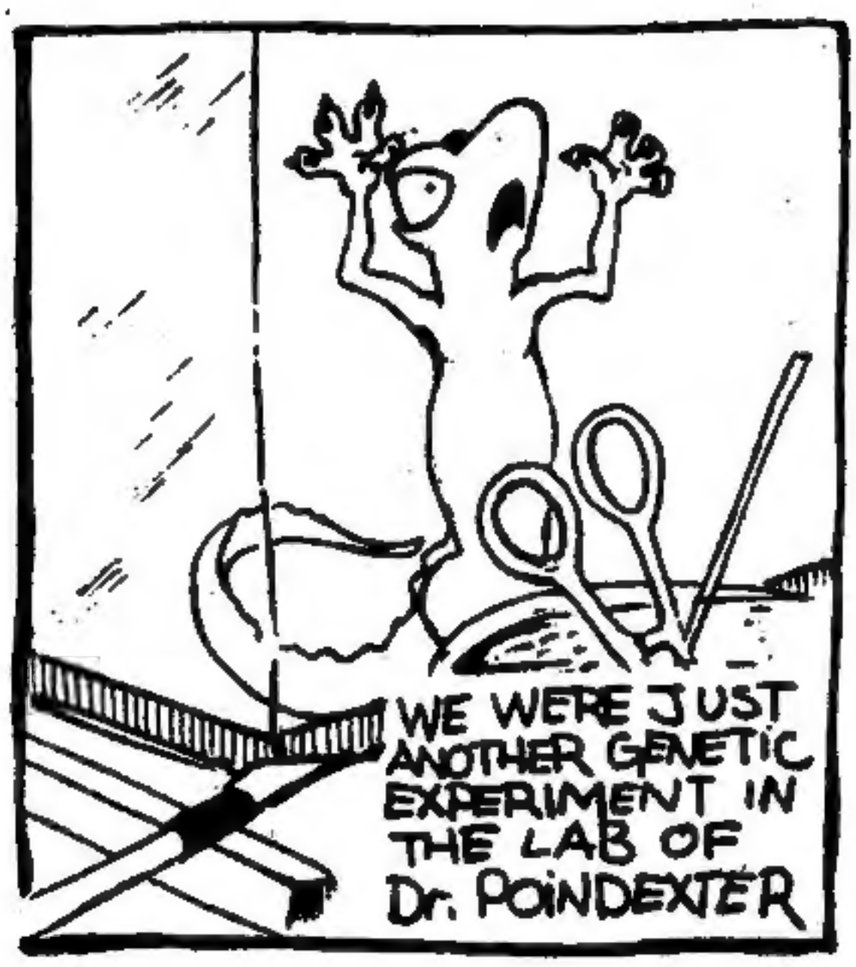
CHECK!

GOOD

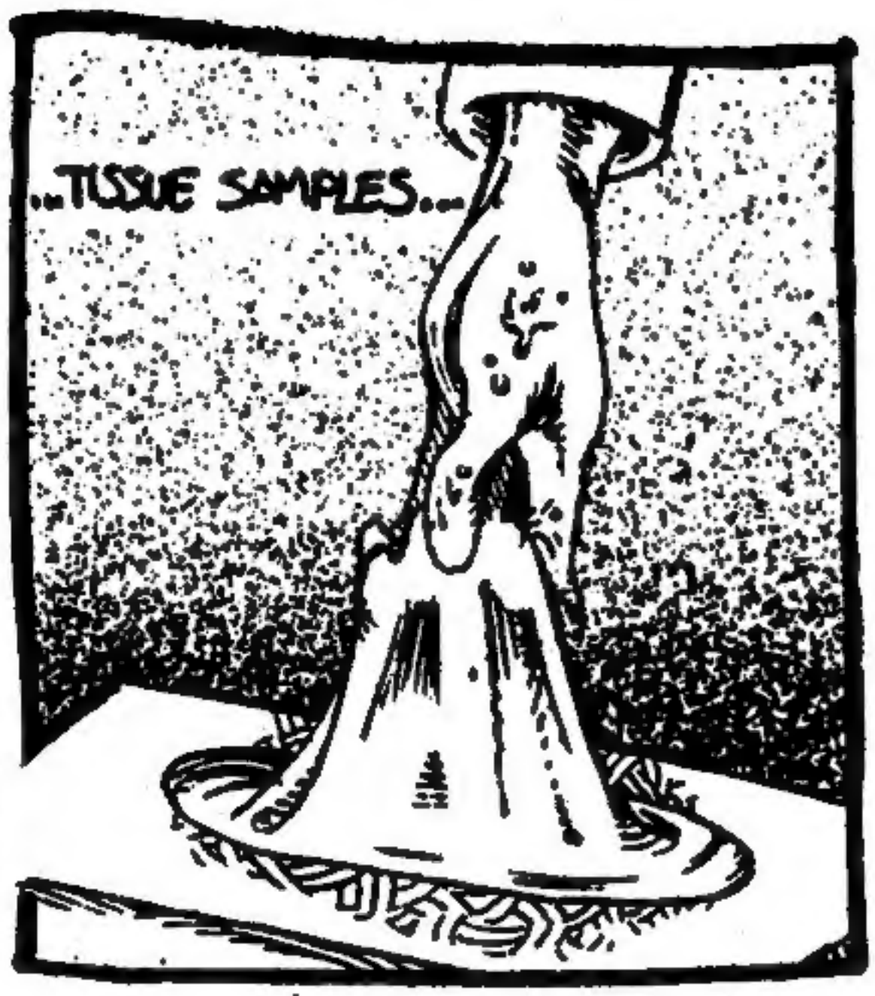
HANG ON TIGHT. WE'RE TAKING OFF!

I HAVE YOUR NEXT MISSION HERE, SIR

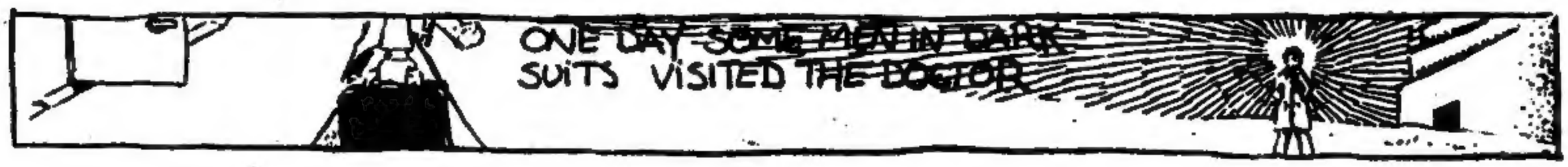
THINGS ARE SO COMPLICATED NOW. I CAN REMEMBER WHEN...


WE WERE JUST ANOTHER GENETIC EXPERIMENT IN THE LAB OF Dr. POINDEXTER

LIFE WAS THE SAME OLD ROUTINE EVERY DAY. INJECTIONS...


..TISSUE SAMPLES...

...THE REST WAS FUN AND GAMES.
OUR LIVES WERE UNEVENTFULL, BUT, WE WERE HAPPY.


ONE DAY SOME MEN IN DARK SUITS VISITED THE DOCTOR

THEY NEEDED SOME TOP SECRET GENETIC WORK

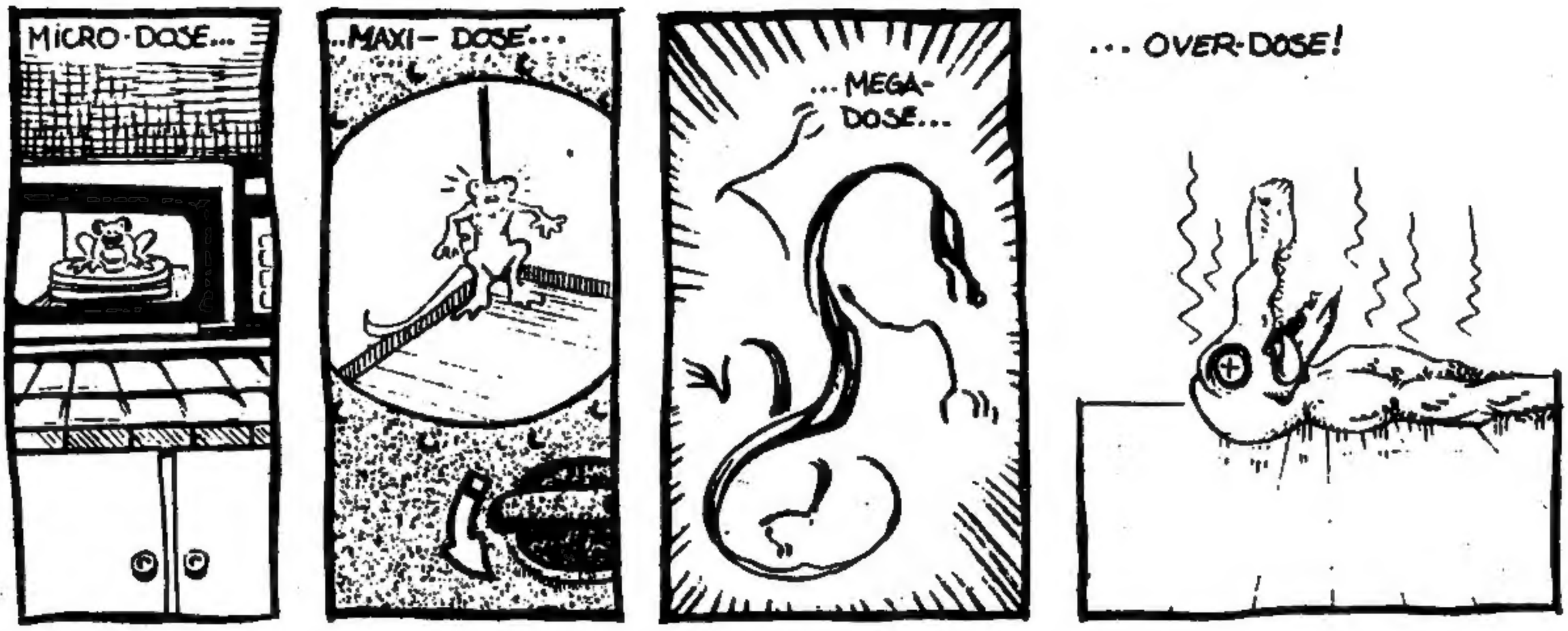
THE DOCTOR SEEMED RELUCTANT AT FIRST UNTIL ONE OF THE MEN OPENED A BRIEFCASE...

...AND THAT PUT THINGS IN A WHOLE NEW PERSPECTIVE

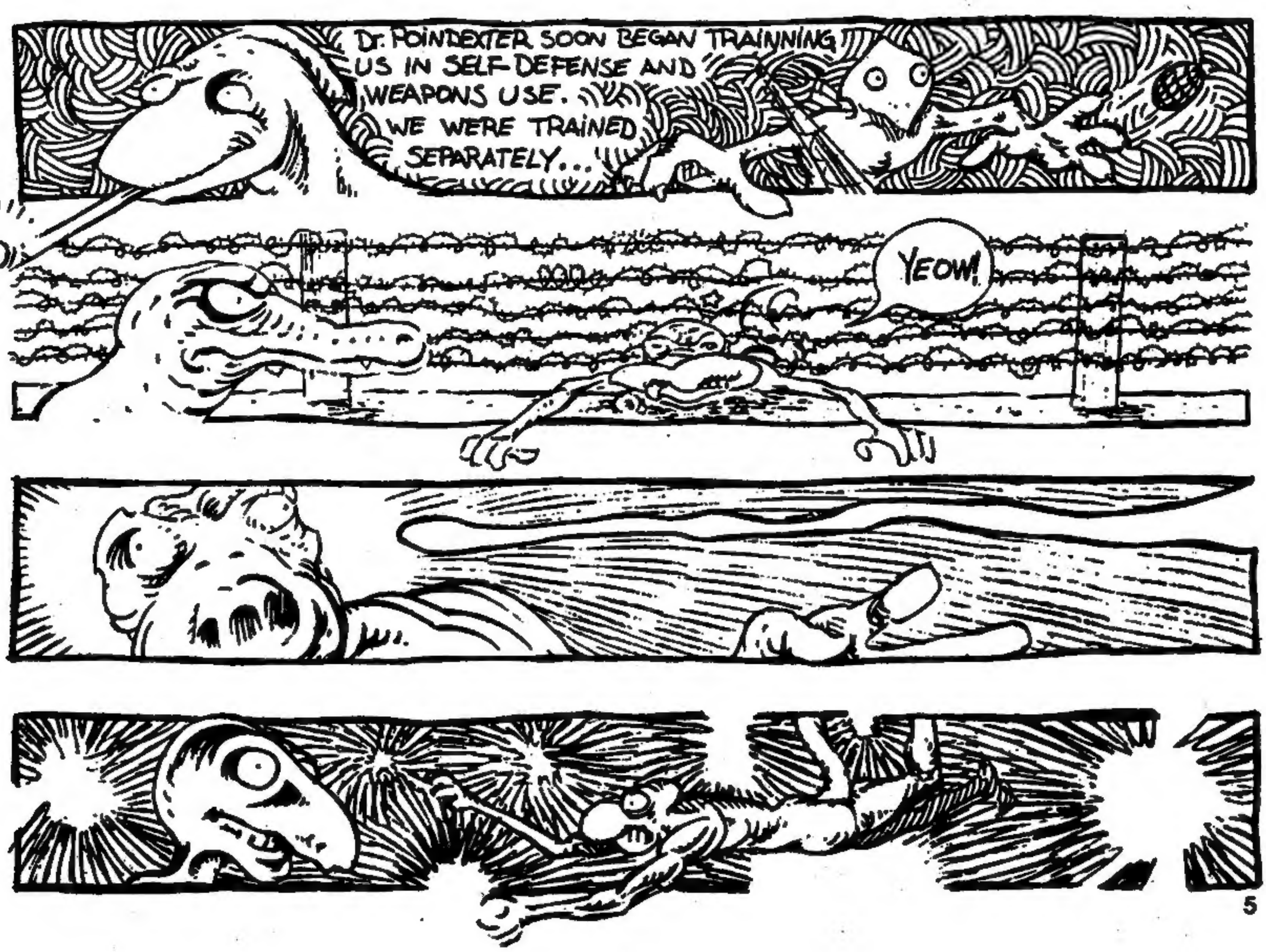
WE WERE TAKEN TO A HIGH-TECH GOVERNMENT LAB...

... THAT WAS BETTER EQUIPPED TO HANDLE WHAT WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN. WE WERE TO BECOME TEST ANIMALS FOR A SECRET FORMULA WHICH DOCTOR POINDEXTER HAD BEEN DEVELOPING. WE WOULD BE THE FIRST RECIPIENTS OF A SERUM EXTRACTED FROM CHAMELEON PLASMA. THIS, COUPLED WITH VARIOUS FORMS OF RADIATION, WOULD BRING ABOUT SIGNIFICANT CHANGES. DOSES OF BOTH INCREASED DAILY.

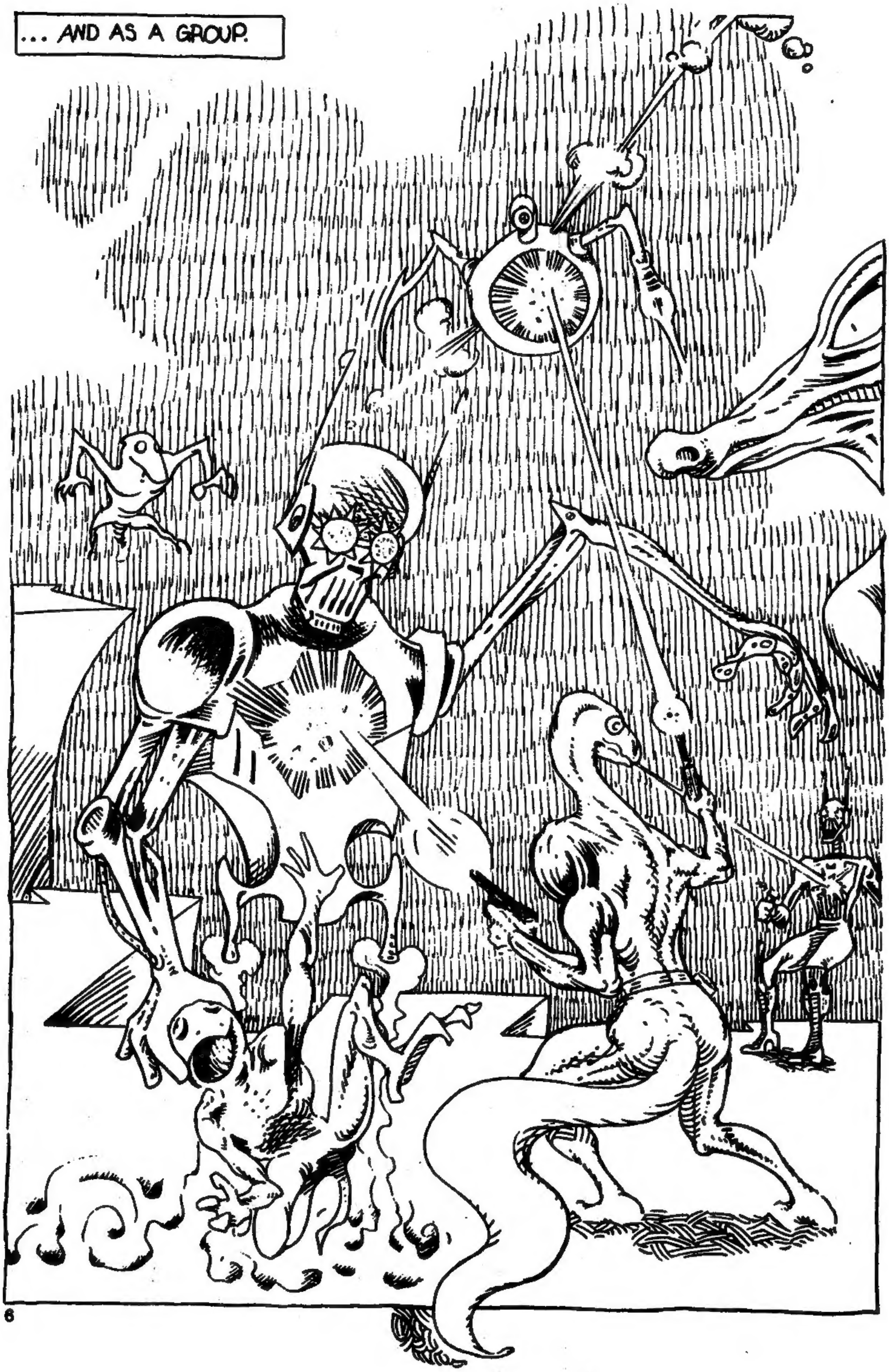
STERNO


MICRO-DOSE...
..MAXI- DOSE...
... MEGA- DOSE...
... OVER-DOSE!

AFTER AWHILE, WE BEGAN TO LOOK AND FEEL DIFFERENT.
WE BEGAN TO UNDERSTAND THE DOCTORS WORDS
I THINK I'LL HAVE FROG LEGS FOR DINNER
HAHAHAHAHAHAHAH!!!
ULP!
WITHIN A WEEK, WE COULD COMMUNICATE FLUENTLY.
PARDON ME, BUT DO YOU HAVE SOME GREY POUPON?
BUT OF COURSE!


Dr. POINDEXTER SOON BEGAN TRAINNING US IN SELF-DEFENSE AND WEAPONS USE. WE WERE TRAINED SEPARATELY...
YEOW!

... AND AS A GROUP.



WE WERE RAPIDLY EARNING EACH OTHERS TRUST

GREAT JOB, MEN!

WE WERE KEPT IN A SOUND-PROOF ROOM.

JUST A SEC!

DING DONG!

PRESS TO TALK

YES?

YOU GUYS MIND IF I JOIN YOU?

NOT AT ALL

Dr. POINDEXTER TREATED US LIKE FAMILY. WE LOOKED UP TO HIM AS OUR FATHER

YAAY KERMIT !!

MY FAVORITE!

HEY POPS! WHAT'S POPPIN'?

HE TOLD US OF THE GOOD AND EVIL IN MEN...

...HOW WERE ON A SPECK IN AN INFINITE UNIVERSE!

HALLEY'S

WOW!

HE ANSWERED MOST OF OUR QUESTIONS...

YOU LOOK A LITTLE STRANGE. IS SOMETHIN' WRONG?

YES, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I SHOULD LAUGH OR CRY!

WHAT IS IT?

SORRY, IT CONCERNS WORK. SEE-YOU TOMORROW!

...BUT NEVER TALKED SHOP!

ONE DAY AT QUITTING TIME, THE MEN IN DARK SUITS RETURNED.

THEY HAD A TALK WITH THE DOCTOR.

HE ARGUED WITH THEM FOR AWHILE.

SLAM

THEN THEY ALL LEFT.

LATER THAT NIGHT THE DOCTOR RETURNED.

HE HAD A STRANGE LOOK IN HIS EYE. WE'D NEVER SEEN HIM LIKE THAT BEFORE

HE TRIED TO TALK TO US. SOMETHING WASN'T WORKING

HE LOOKED LIKE HE WAS SCREAMING HYSTERICALLY IN A WILD, FURIOUS RAGE

HE STARTED GOING THROUGH THE LONG, COMPLICATED PROCEDURE OF OPENING OUR TANK.

THEN...

KRAK!

NO!

YOU CANT TAKE THEM! THEY'RE THE CHILDREN I NEVER HAD!

AWWW... SHADDAP!!

IT'S NOT THEM WE WANT !!

THAT WAS THE LAST WE EVER SAW OF OUR ADOPTED FATHER.

THE NEXT DAY...

BOYS, THIS IS Dr. WÜRMHAUSER HE'LL BE TAKING OVER FOR Dr. POINDEXTER

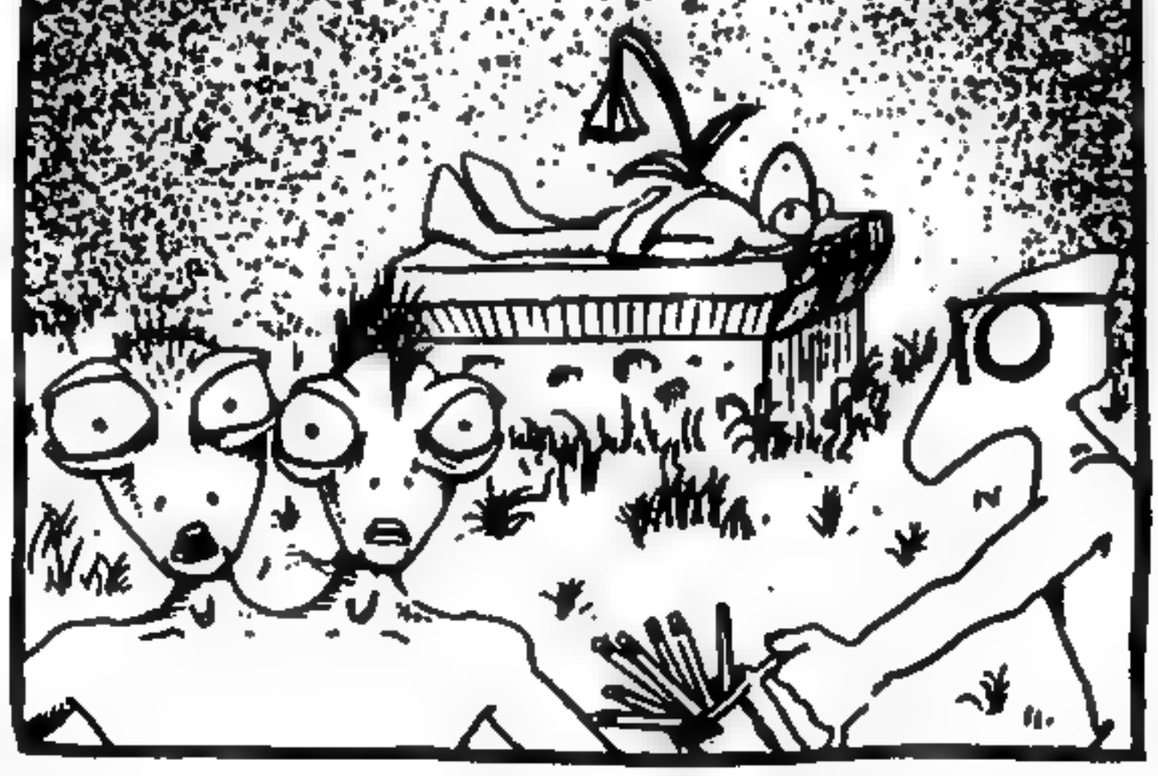
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU

HEY! WHO TOOK Dr. POINDEXTER!

WE'VE SCANNED THE TAPE ON CLOSE CIRCUT VIDEO AND BELIEVE HE WAS ABDUCTED BY A TERRORIST GROUP KNOWN AS THE NIGHT BRIGADE.

SO WE NEED YOU IN TOP FORM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO RESCUE DR. POINDEXTER. THAT MEANS INCREASING THE DOSAGE OF HIS FORMULA.

... AND THERE MAY BE SOME SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS.

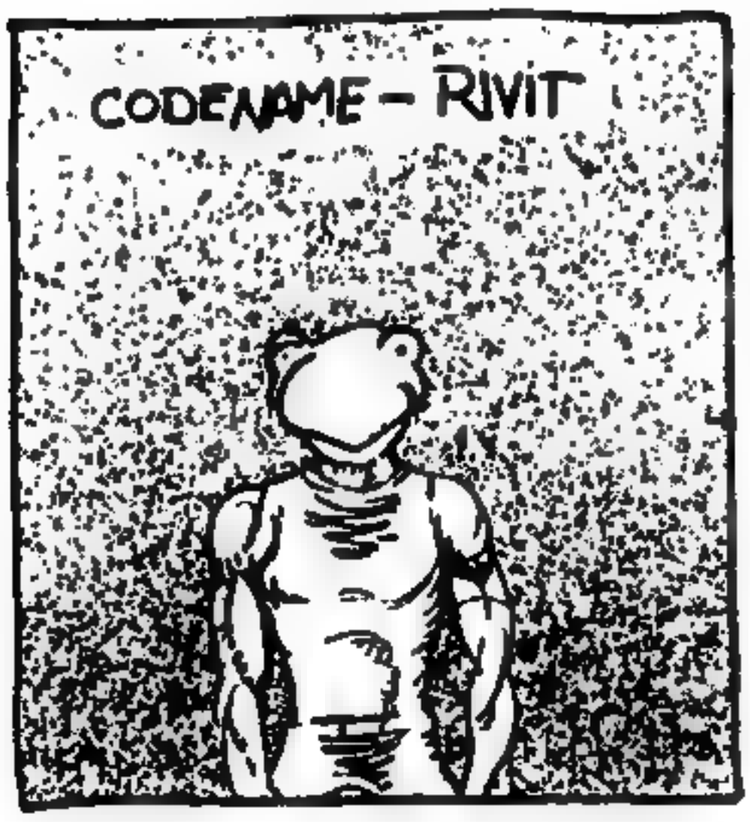


"FOR Dr. POINDEXTER NO RISK IS TOO GREAT!!"

EXCELLENT, LET US BEGIN...

...NOW, THIS WON'T HURT A BIT.

DAY 1



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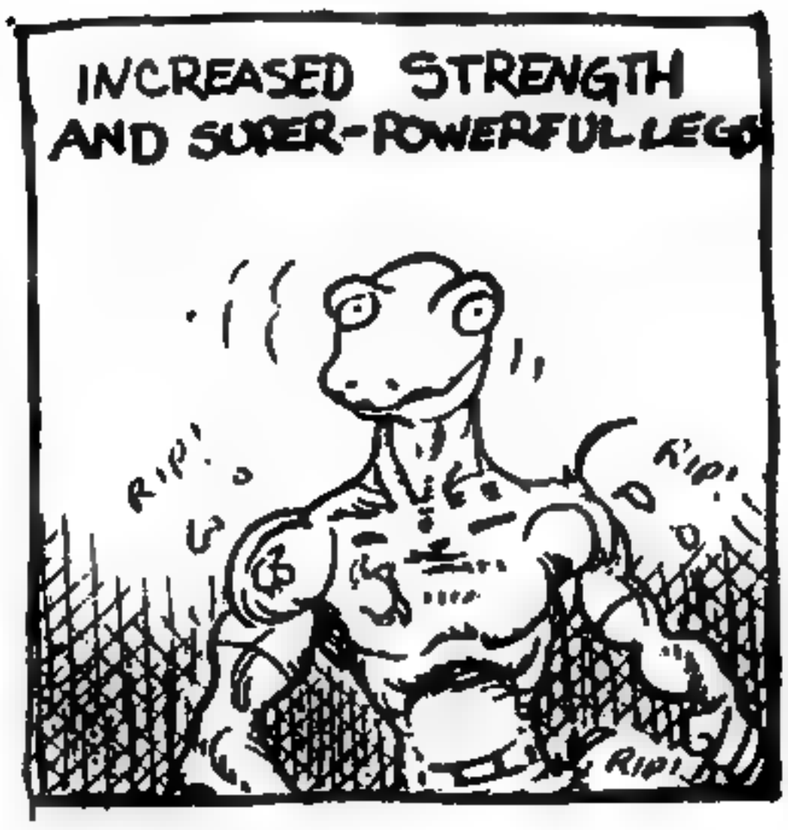

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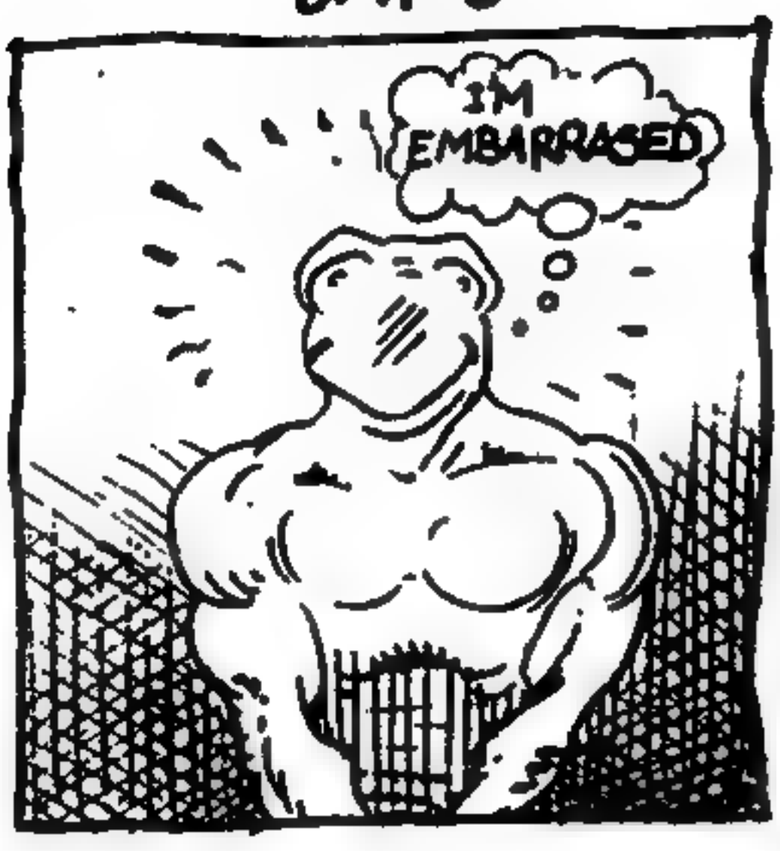
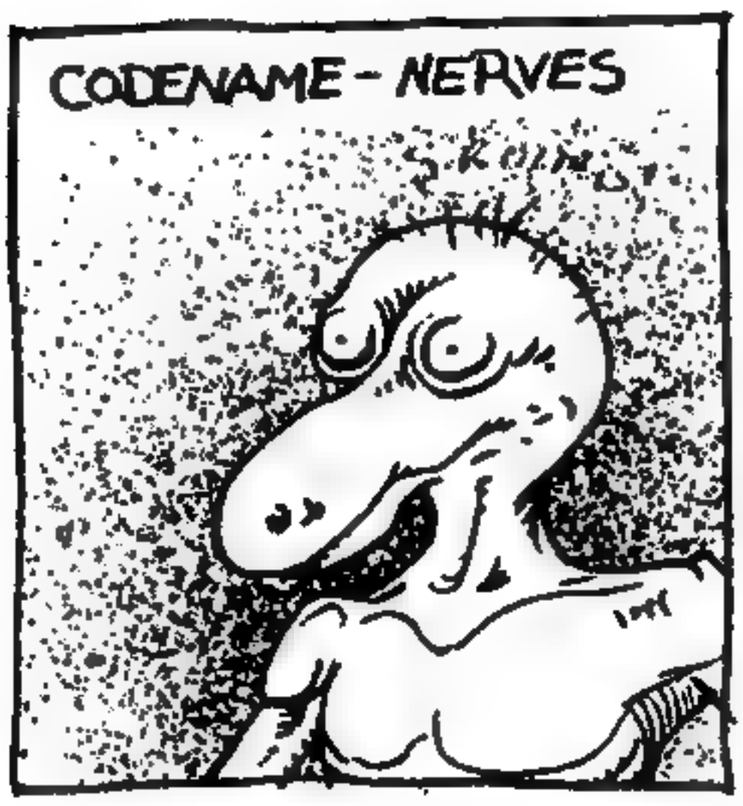
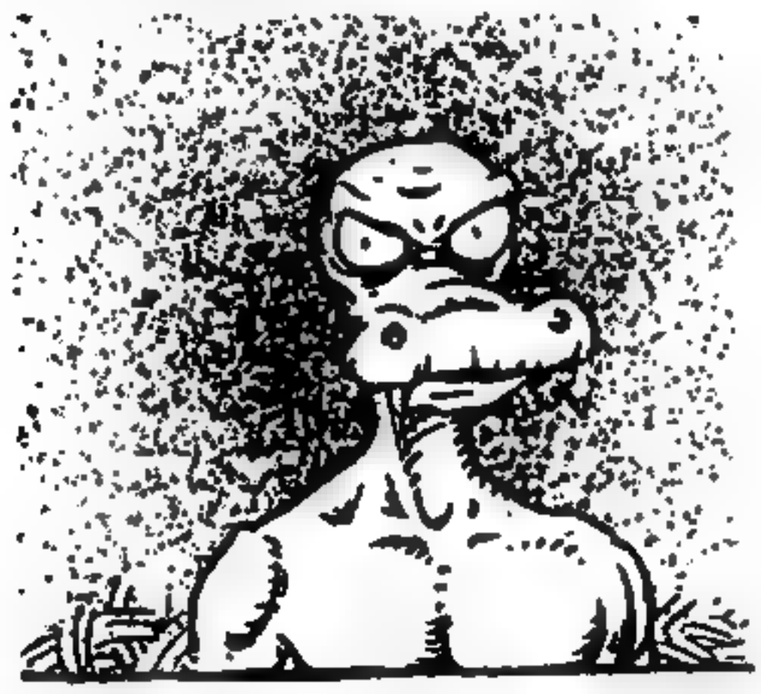
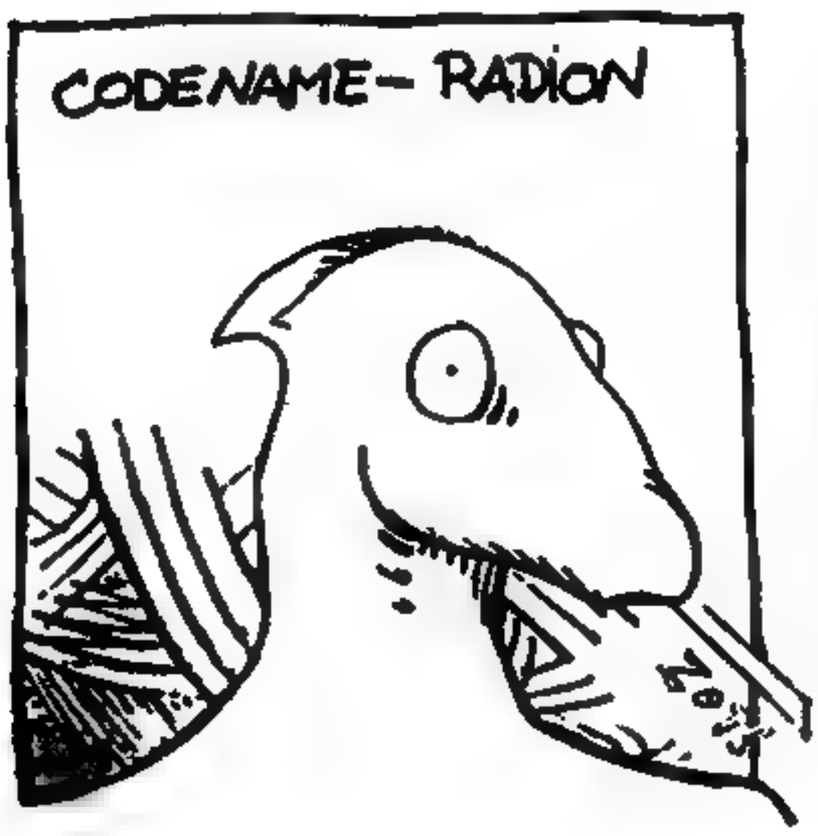
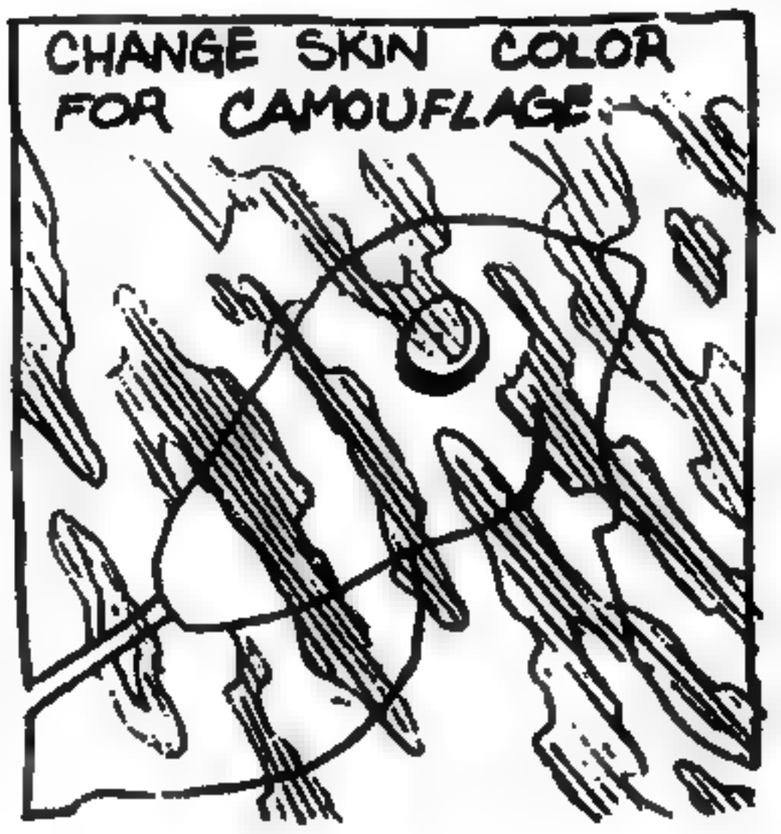


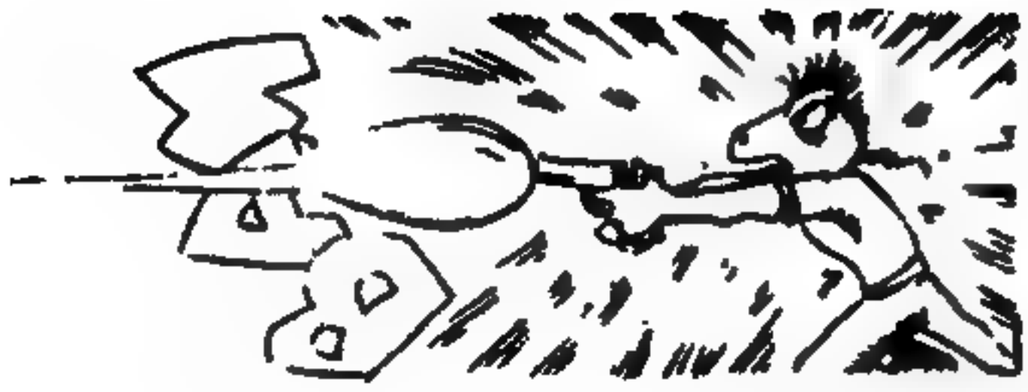


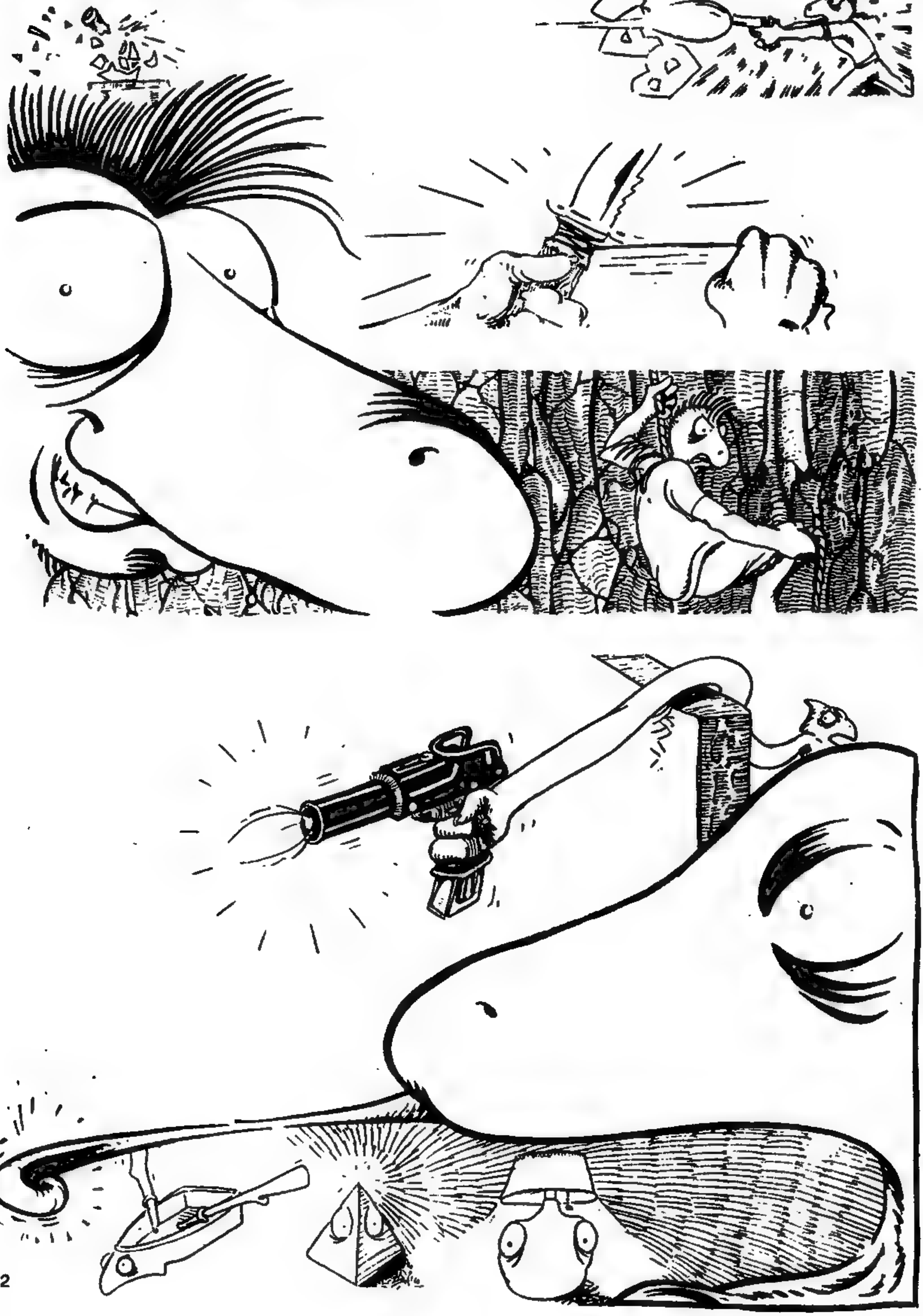






ONCE AGAIN WE TRAINED SEPARATELY...





CRASH!

WAX ON..
WAX OFF..

SCREEEECHH!

VROOOOM!

A-3

MISS!

RATS!
G!!

BATTLEZONE

. . . AND THE FIGHTING UNIT WAS NAMED THE

COLD-BLOODED CHAMELEON COMMANDO

RESCUING THE DOCTOR WOULD PROVE DIFFICULT. THE RECENT REPORTS HAD STATED THEY MOVED THE DOCTOR AGAIN. HE WAS NOW BEING HELD ALONG WITH TWO AMERICAN AMBASSADORS...

IN A REMOTE JUNGLE FORTRESS.

THE CLOSEST VILLAGE TO THE FORTRESS WOULD PUT US ABOUT HALF A DAYS HIKE AWAY

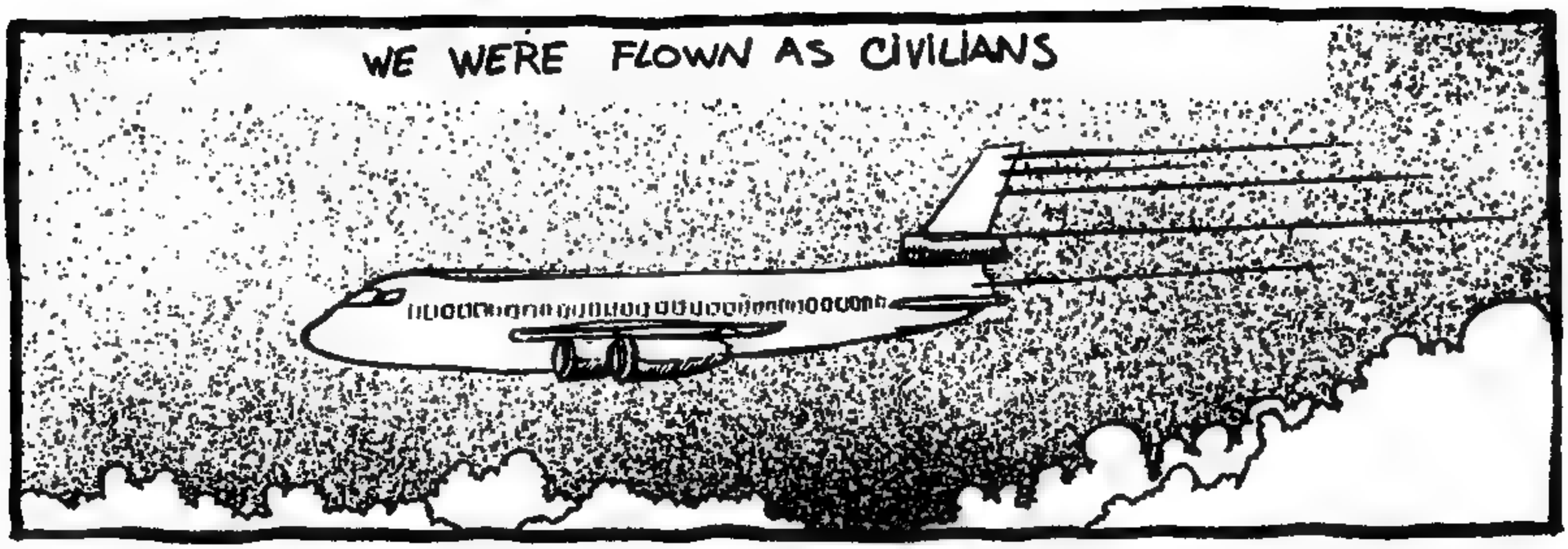
THE LEADER OF THIS GROUP OF TERRORISTS HAD BEEN INVOLVED...

...IN EVERYTHING FROM SHOPLIFTING TO GOVERNMENT OVERTHROWS.

WE COULDN'T WAIT TO MEET HIM...

GOOD LUCK MEN

...AND HIS BAND OF MUTATED MEN


WE WERE FLOWN AS CIVILIANS

IT SURE FEELS GREAT TO BE ABLE TO SIT BACK AND RELAX.
ENJOY IT WHILE YOU CAN.

HOW'S YOUR DRINK?
GREAT! I LOVE THESE LITTLE UMBRELLAS
I DIDNT GET AN UMBRELLA.
YOU CAN HAVE MINE.

I-I D-DON'T F-F FEEL SO G-GOOD
QUICK! GET HIM AN AIR SICK BAG!!
IT'S NOT THAT! I S-SENSE SOMETHING!
OMIGOD!! HES GOT A BOMB!!

THIS IS YOUR LUCKY DAY! IN A FEW MOMENTS WE WILL ALL BE AT ALLAHS SIDE!

I'VE GOT ONLY SECONDS TO ACT. THAT'S AN IRREVERSIBLE TIME-BOMB ON HIS CHEST AND IT'S ABOUT TO GO OFF!!

ZIP!

WITHIN A MICRO-SECOND, RIVIT GRABS THE GUN WITH HIS TONGUE..

BLIP!

HEY!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN ...

BAM!

...PLEASE FASTEN YOUR SEAT-BELTS.

...AND FIRES IT...

KSSSHHH!!

THROUGH THE WINDOW BEHIND THE TERRORIST!

DECOMPRESSION DOES THE REST!!

WHOOSH

BOOM!

SOON AFTER LANDING, WE WERE TAKEN TO THE VILLAGE WHERE WE WOULD BEGIN THE LONG HIKE

WE WERE INTO THE JUNGLE RIGHT AT SUNSET

PUAF-PUFF- WE'VE BEEN TRUDGING THROUGH THIS MUCK FOR HOURS! PANT

AND WE HAVE AT LEAST ANOTHER HOUR TO GO! PUFF PANT

WHEN ARE WE GOING TO TAKE A REST? WHEEEZ

AS SOON AS THE MISSION'S OVER, SO HURRY UP!!

AN HOUR LATER...

ARE YOU SURE WE'RE GOIN' THE RIGHT WAY?

HEY! I THINK I SEE A LIGHT UP AHEAD!!

IT'S ABOUT TIME.

MANY SEARCHLIGHTS SCANNED THE IMMENSE PERIMITER OF THE BUILDING. WE COULD SEE ARMED GUARDS ATOP THE HUGE WALL, LOOKING RATHER HARMLESS AND TINY. A DECEPTIVE APPEARANCE

LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER SLOW NIGHT, EMILIO. WHAT'D YOU BRING FOR LUNCH?

PEANUT-BUTTER AND JELLY AGAIN!

I-I'M SH-SHAKING I-I TH-THINK I-I'M GOING TO F-FAINT!

UP HUP! HUP!

DON'T FALL ON ME!

WATCH OUT! HERE COMES THE LIGHT AGAIN

C'MON!

WE'VE BEEN SPOTTED!

YEAH! FINALLY SOME ACTION

LEAVE SOME FOR ME!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THESE WIMPS!

POOM

I AINT GETTIN' PAID ENOUGH FOR THIS!!

*FRIENDS OF OLD MARVEL.

FORGET THE OTHER GUARD, THAT EXPLOSION'S GONNA' WAKE THE WHOLE BUILDING!

QUICK! FIND THE HOSTAGES

WE'RE AT THE FIRST LEVEL STOP SHAKING, NERVES

I CAN'T HELP IT. I'M SENSING AN OVERLOAD OF D-DANGER

JUST WHAT I NEED TO HEAR

LETS GO!

WHAT THE??!

ARE YOU THE BEST THEY COULD SEND ME? HA.RDEHARHAR! WHAT A JOKE! YOU GUYS ARE NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF LOW DOWN, CUT-RATE, WANNA-BE COMMANDO GEEKS!!!

CUT-RATE? I'LL SHOW HIM!!

WUGGA! WUGGA!

Yiiiii!!!

NEXT FLOOR UP...

I HOPE THIS LEVEL IS AS EASY AS THE LAST ONE!

I DOUBT IT!

CLICK

ULP!

HONORABLE INTRUDERS...

VELLY SOLLY...

MUST KILL YOU!

CAN YOU TAKE THE PEBBLE FROM MY HAND, GRASSHOPPA?

NO, BUT I CAN TAKE YOUR HEAD FROM YOUR BODY!!

HAiii!!

EWACK!

AAAK!!

HA HA HA HA! YOU MISSED!!

E-EAT L-LEAD S-SICKO!!

WHO GAVE HIM A GUN? TAKE COVER!!

MMMM... VELLY TASTEY!

MUNCH! MUNCH!

YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE...

CLICK

...EAT RAID!

SSSHHH

INSE

REPELL

KOFF KOFF!

3

BAM!

THIS WAY, MEN!

HA! ONLY TWO GUARDS! RIVET, TAKE CARE OF THEM!!

MY PLEASURE!

THAT'S USING YOUR HEADS, GUYS!

UNTIE THE AMBASSADORS

THANK YOU ALL FOR RESCUEING US...

FORGET THE MUSH - WHERE'S THE DOC?

WHAT DOCTOR?

Dr. POINDEXTER!

THERE IS NO Dr. POINDEXTER HERE

ARE YOU SURE?

POSITIVE

LOOK! A SERVICE ELEVATOR. THAT'LL SAVE TIME.

GOING DOWN...

PING!!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

HAH! THAT WAS FAST!

JUST A FEW MOMENTS...

... TO FREEDOM!

HEY, BOTHH! DE EMBATHADORTHZ!! DE EMBATHADORTHZ!!

EASY, BATOO ...

GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN. PERMIT ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF: I AM RATCARGO. I WILL BE YOUR HOST FOR THIS VISIT. PERHAPS, IF YOU ARE VERY GOOD, I LET YOU KISS MY BOOT BEFORE I KEEL YOU. IT IS SUPERBLY CONSTRUCTED OF FINE CORINTHIAN LEATHER!

OH BOY!!

PSSST.. YOU GUYS STAY HERE TILL WE COME BACK FOR YOU!

HEY! NO WHEESPRING!

ARE WE READY?

CHARGE!

POW!

"RATA-TATTATTATTATTAT!"

AAAAK!

BAM!

CLICK

SPROING!

BLAP BLAP BLAP

PING

JOINK!

BOING

BLAM BLAM

PING

PING

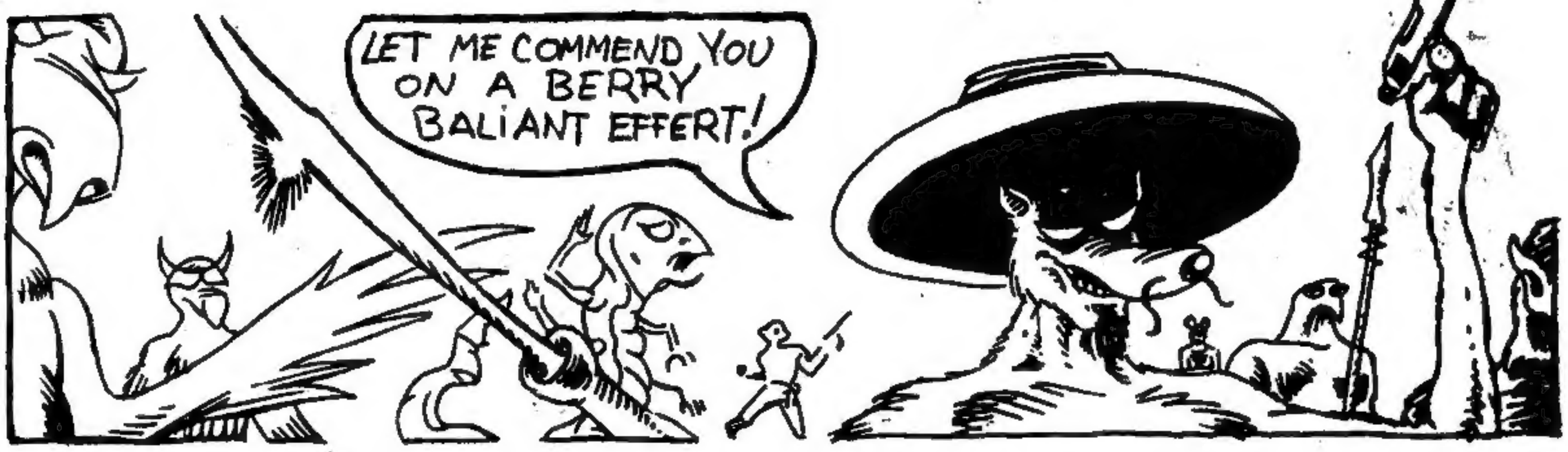
SPAT

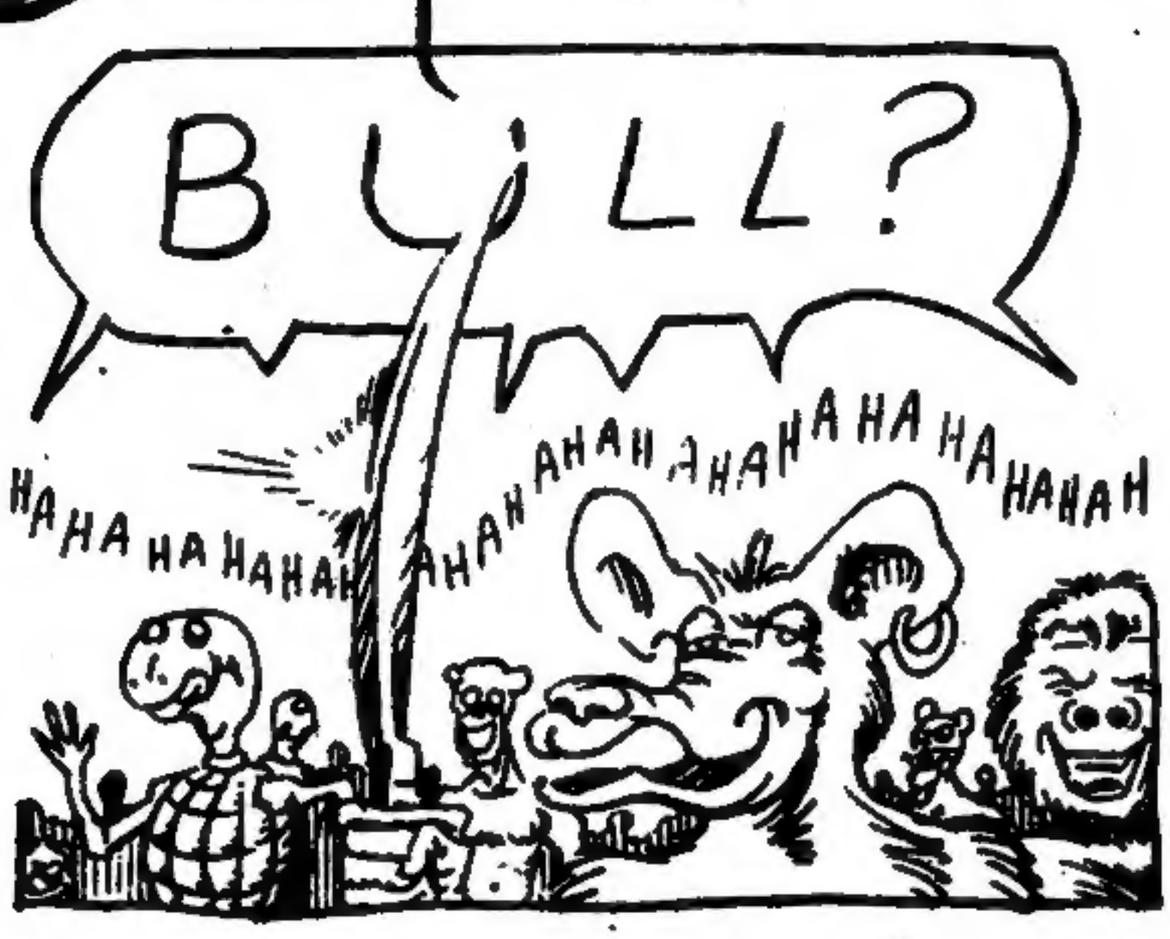
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF ROUNDS!!

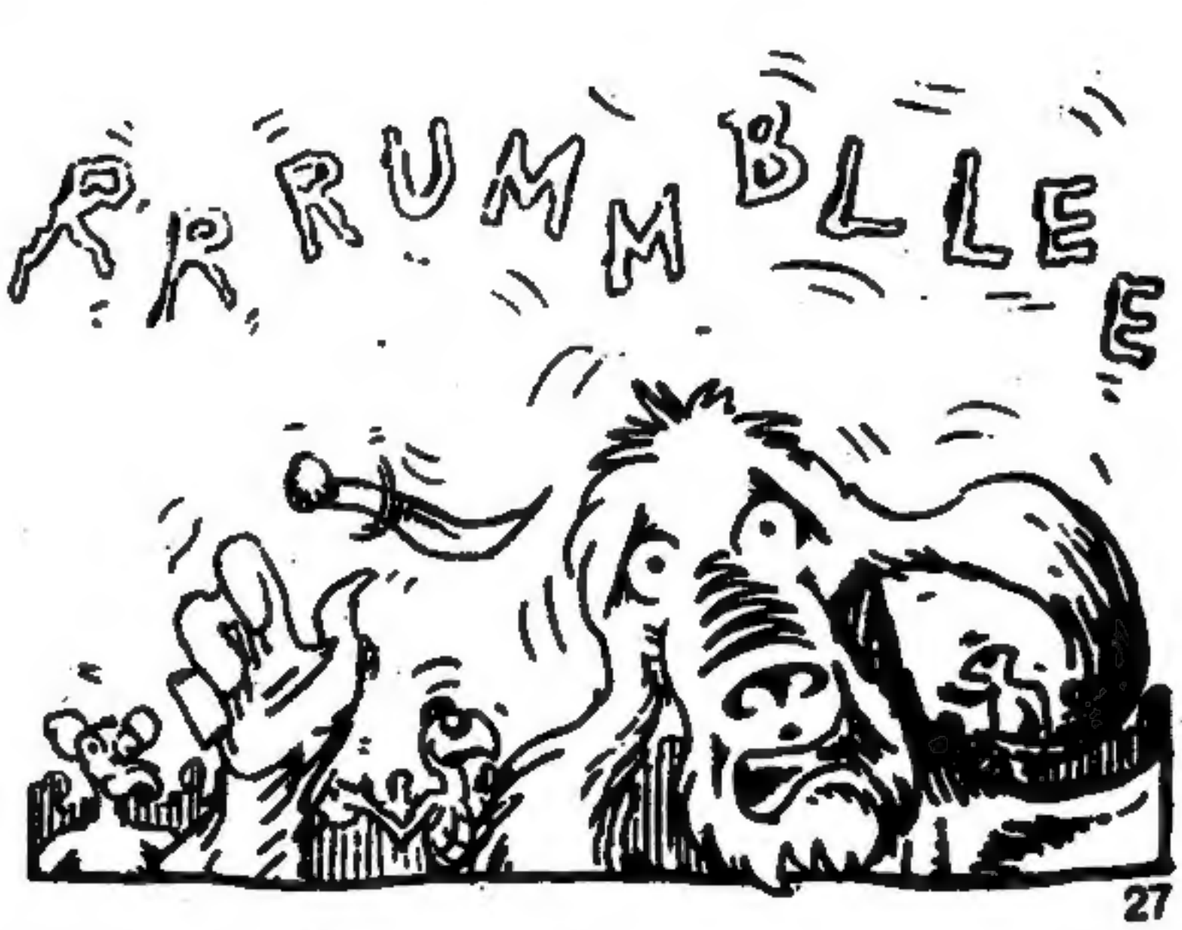
NOT NOW! I'VE GOT THAT SCUM-BAG IN MY SIGHTS!!

SAY YER PRAYERZ, RATCARGO!

CLICK!





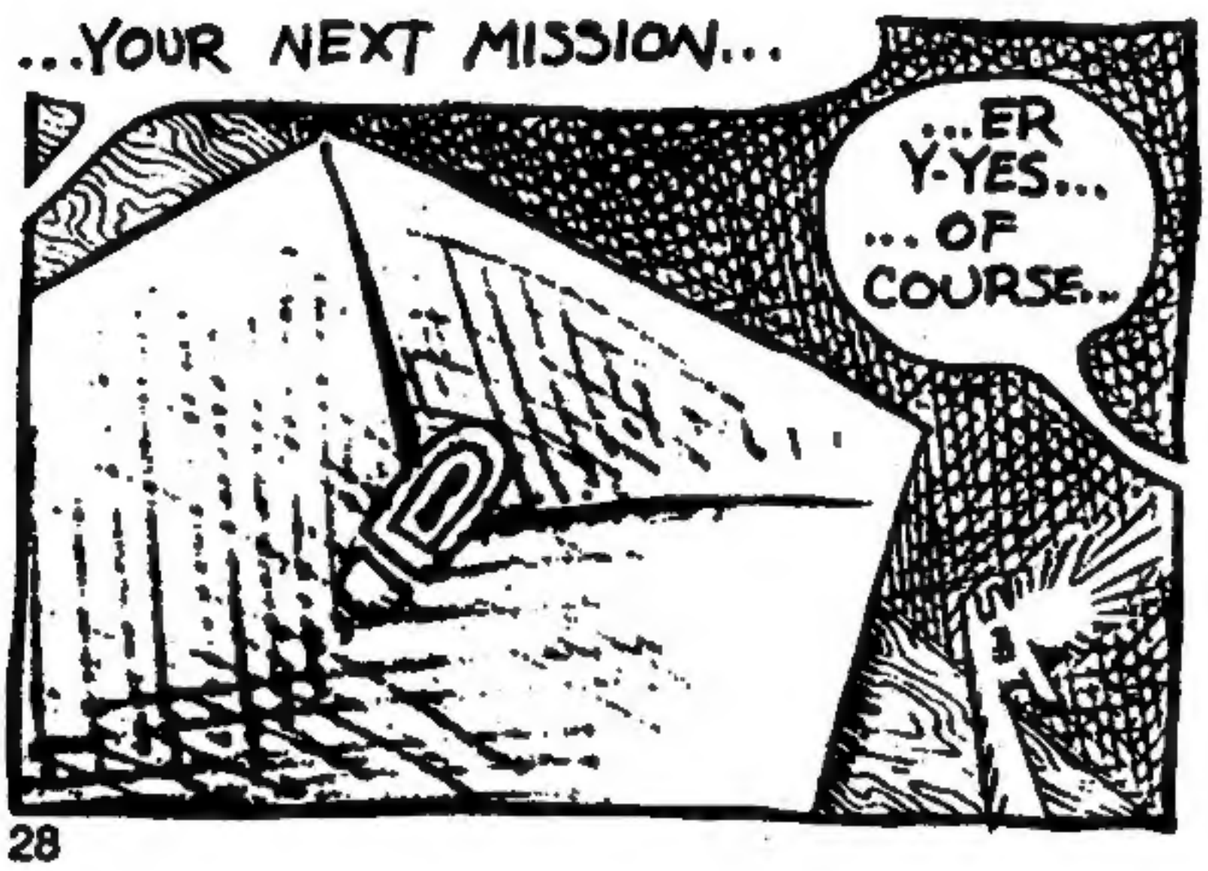


QUICK!! JUMP ON!!

AND AAWAAAAY WE GO!
GALOOPGALOOPGALOOPGALOOP!
HELP!
IT'S A COWARDLY YANKEE TRICK!
STOP THEM!

THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
POW!
THE OVERLORD WON'T LIKE THIS!

HEH HEH HEH!! THAT SUCKER
NEVER UNDERESTIMATE YANKEE INGENUITY.
AHUM! ...SIR...


...YOUR NEXT MISSION...
...ER Y-YES... ...OF COURSE..

NEXT... ...BATTLE ON BANDINI MOUNTAIN.

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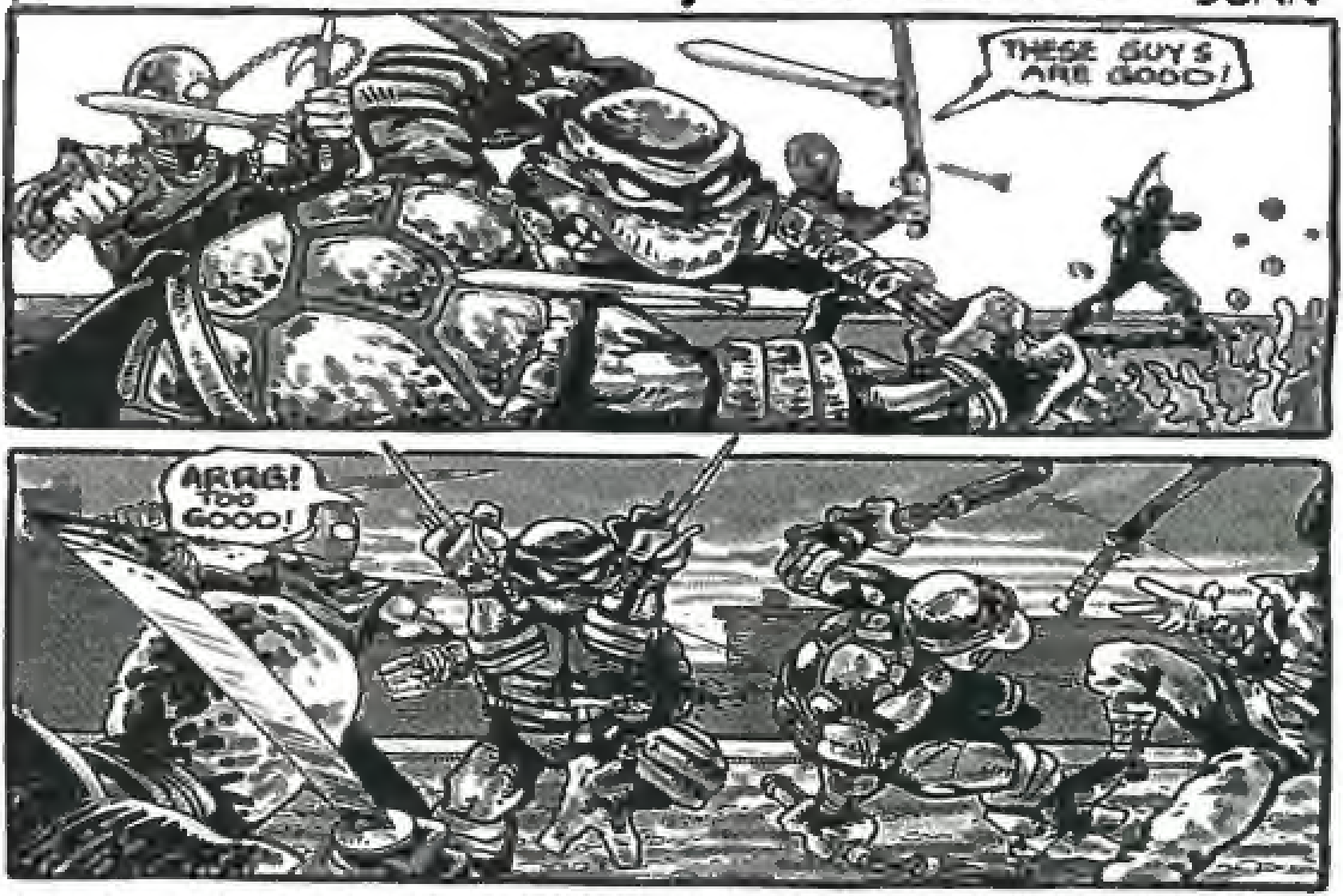
COMMANDOS PIN-UP

A SPIDEYMAN / MINUTEMEN-ZT SCAN



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